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Cambridge City Council
c/o City Clerk
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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RE: Massive Destruction Commencing on Memorial Drive

To the Honorable, the Cambridge City Council:

Destruction is commencing of hundreds of trees and of animal habitat on Memorial Drive between the BU and Longfellow Bridges. This is as specified in Chapter 284 of the Acts of 2014. My understanding is that the construction zone is now extending toward the Hyatt Regency.

Please take immediate action to safeguard this irreplaceable treasure of the City of Cambridge.

I understand that the Cambridge City Council expresses its concern for Cambridge's environment and its trees. The DCR has acknowledged the City Council's responsibilities on the Charles River by publicly stating its intent to transfer management of Magazine Beach management to the City of Cambridge in accordance with the agreement by which Cambridge helped fund the destruction of the 2000s. This comment occurred during the meeting limited to Magazine Beach which was conducted on September 30, 2015. The destruction project on Memorial Drive started before the Magazine Beach meeting and was not mentioned.

The City Manager conducted a public presentation on the plans for the Charles River. He did not include this destruction or the fact that his staff has been working in favor of the destruction for more than ten years.

This follows on my prior communication transmitting the plans for this massive destruction on the Charles River between the BU and Longfellow Bridges, as posted at

<http://charlesriverwhitegeeseblog.blogspot.com/2014/04/tree-destruction-plans-charles-river.html>.

Other related communications include my communication to MassDOT posted at

<http://charlesriverwhitegeeseblog.blogspot.com/2015/10/charles-r-to-massdot-bar-dcr-from-mass.html>, and my communication to the DCR posted at

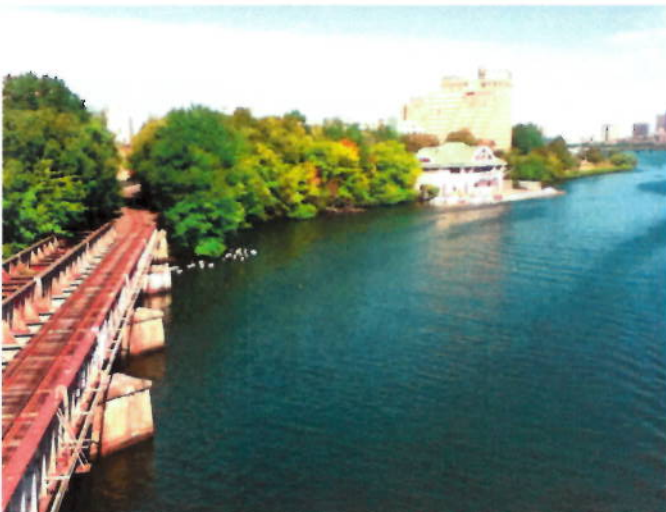
<http://charlesriverwhitegeeseblog.blogspot.com/2015/10/charles-river-formal-objection-to-dcr.html>.

Here are photos of the construction site as of October 5, 2015 when the construction site was only located between Endicott Street and Fowler Street.





Here are photos of threatened trees and animals.





Thank you in advance for your consideration and action..

Sincerely,

Robert J. La Trémouille
Individually and as Chair,
Friends of the White Geese